

MINUTES

Public Health Advisory Committee
of the
Health & Human Services Board

Thursday, September 9, 2004 - 8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. R. Feulner; G. Heppe, Senior Specialist at WMH; G. Morris, Environmental Health Division; R. Badke, Building Inspection Department; C. Karas, Cooperating Congregations of Waukesha Co.; J. Berthelsen, Dept. of Senior Services

MEMBERS ABSENT: S. Konkel, Chair, Public Health Advisory and Waukesha Co. Parish Nurse; C. Panagis, Healthy Waukesha 2000 Council; M. Jennison, K. Rempe, Waukesha Catholic School System; E. Hernandez, Manager of Clinics & Senior Citizens LaCasa de Esperanza

EX OFFICIO: J. Weidmann, HHS Board Representative; J. Guy; N. Healy-Haney

I. Meeting called to order by Dr. Feulner at 8:00 a.m.

II. Minutes from August 12, 2004 approved.

III. Yearly Business Meeting

The following officers were elected:

Chairman: Konkel

Co-chairs: Panagis; Rempe

Secretary: Feulner

Calendar 2004-2005

September	Annual Business Meeting
October	Guest Speaker - Don Maurer, Deputy Director, HHS
November	Reconciliation of Budget with previous goals and initiatives
December	No meeting
January	Goals / Needs
February	Goals / Needs in anticipation of Joint Advisory meeting
March	Joint Advisory Committee Meeting
April	Budget Format Issues
May	Budget Format Issues
June	Educational presentations or visit appropriate to current issues
July	No meeting

Report Public Health Division – Dr. Healy-Haney

Dr. Healy-Haney reported 200 proven and 42 probable cases of pertussis. Data will be collected to document the percentage of cases previously immunized. A large number of cases are in the 10 to 14 year-old age group.

Dr. Healy-Haney is serving as the Interim Chairman of the Southeast Wisconsin (SEW) Consortium as the former chairman, Dr. S. Foldy, is no longer employed by the Milwaukee County Health Department. Initially, publicizing of the large number of cases in SEW was not supported by the State Department of Health but ultimately they acceded. The SEW Consortium promulgated rules for isolation of patients, antibiotic treatment and follow-up to confirm completion of treatment and results. Efforts have been hampered by a shortage of personnel and the difficulties imposed by training temporary employees who require time to become experienced and efficient workers. This has been a persistent problem, which will only be worsened by the population growth of Waukesha County and the advent of new and changing infectious diseases. These problems in the delivery of Public Health care are ubiquitous throughout the state.

Due to delay in the production of influenza vaccine appropriate to the anticipated virus strain, Dr. Healy-Haney was able to purchase 3500 units of vaccine outside the usual source. Only 800 of these units were allocated to Waukesha County leaving a potential shortfall of the 1200 units. The growing need for increased staffing is evidenced by the following observations:

In the first 6 months of 2003, follow-ups were performed on 500 cases.

In the first 6 months of 2004, follow-ups were performed on 700 cases.

IV. **Committee Reports:**

Health & Human Services – Dr. Guy

Dr. Guy summarized the Combined Health & Human Services Board & Committee meeting held on Thursday, August 26, 2004.

Waukesha County Health Council – Dr. Panagis absent because of scheduling conflict.

Environmental Health

G. Morris spoke to activity at the state level relating to passage of a registered sanitarian law, combining agricultural and food inspection activities under one agency and assignment of multiple licensing activities to county governments.

Turning Point

J. Weidmann spoke to the difficulty Turning Point is having acquiring necessary data from the state needed to implement their initiatives.

Bioterrorism – Dr. Jennison absent because of scheduling conflict.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Robert C. Feulner, Secretary

Minutes approved on: __/__/__

Public Health Advisory Committee
Health and Human Services Board
Meeting Room, Resource Room - Lower Level
Public Health Center
615 W. Moreland Blvd.
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